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# Province, CN Rail to meet on grain backlog

**Catching up.**
Agriculture ministry says delays from record harvest could result in 'billions of dollars' in financial damages

MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

Provincial government officials will hold talks with Canadian National Railway on Thursday in Montreal to seek solutions on a paralyzing backlog of grain shipments in Western Canada.

Economy Minister Bill Boyd said on Wednesday that the Saskatchewan delegation is looking for answers from the company on how it plans to hasten the flow of stalled shipments from a record harvest last year.

"We're very concerned here in Saskatchewan. We see rail backed up, up to two and three months," Boyd told reporters at Regina International Airport before departing.

Economy Minister Bill Boyd MARCO VIGLIOTTI/ METRO IN REGINA

"We want to talk to them on how we're going to get caught back up."

A shortage of locomotives has been cited as a major problem, as crops grapple for limited space with oil and other commodities.

The provincial Agriculture ministry says the delays could result in financial damages "calculated in the billions of dollars."

Boyd said he's "optimistic" that the number of grain car movements will increase soon, but stressed that it probably wouldn't be enough to end the delays.

"The grain companies indicate that 3,000 to 5,000 cars per week is nowhere near what's necessary," he explained.

"They feel like it's going to be more like 7,000, 8,000 or 10,000 movements per week that's ... necessary to catch things up."

He warned that even an average crop season this year could extend the backlog until 2015.

Boyd will be joined in the talks by Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart, Highways and Infrastructure Minister Don McMorris and Saskatchewan Party MLA Scott Moe.

The delegation plans to meet with officials from Canadian Pacific Railway on Friday.

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## OLYMPIC HERO'S WELCOME

**A pair of young fans have photographs taken with Olympic medallist snowboarder Mark McMorris at the Dilawri BMW dealership in Regina on Wednesday. McMorris, a Regina native who won a bronze in the slopestyle event at the Winter Games in Sochi, was at the dealership to be presented with a vehicle that he'll use for a year.** **Story, page 2. More Olympic coverage, pages 20-22.** SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

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# Can a pig carcass point the way to missing bodies?

**RCMP.** Data collected by tracking the pig down the South Saskatchewan River will be used to shape future search efforts

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The Saskatchewan RCMP are hoping a bright orange pig carcass will help them locate missing bodies in Saskatchewan's river system.

Equipped with a radio transmitter and GPS tracker, members of the RCMP's major crimes historical case unit placed the 180-pound pig into the South Saskatchewan River at the Saskatoon Canoe Club on Wednesday morning.

"The whole idea of this project is to track this pig's movements as it flows down the river and hopefully, that will give us some insight as to where bodies end up," said Cpl. Tyler Hadland of the HCU, noting six bodies are presumed to be in the South Saskatchewan River.

"The Saskatoon historical case unit has been annually searching the river, by plane and by boat, for the past number of years and we haven't been able to recover any of these bodies," he said. "So it's quite a mystery."

RCMP said Wednesday's launch is the project's second phase, as a pig carcass with similar tracking devices was placed into the North Saskatchewan River in North Battleford in the fall of 2013.

However, the carcass only travelled 20 kilometres before it was found on a sandbar a week later.

Officers hope the second carcass travels further, providing them data that will be used to shape future search efforts, which could result in more bodies being recovered and more answers for grieving families.

"We can't bring their loved ones back," said Hadland. "But there's something to be said to be able to provide that closure."

A member of the Saskatchewan RCMP places a bright orange pig carcass into the South Saskatchewan River at the Saskatoon Canoe Club on Wednesday morning. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

# McMorris comes home to a sweet new ride

Olympic medallist Mark McMorris has been showered with surprises since arriving back in his hometown from Russia. The most recent one? A brand-new car.

The 20-year-old star snowboarder was presented on Wednesday with a fully paid year-long lease on the vehicle by his sponsor BMW.

"She's a beauty," McMorris said of his ride, a white 2013 BMW X5 35i M-Sport, at Regina's Dilawri BMW dealership.

According to Dilawri product specialist Dustin Robertson, the car was specifically chosen to suit the needs of the athlete who won a bronze medal in the snowboarding slopestyle event earlier this month at the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

"With him being a younger guy, they wanted to give him something bigger that he can have fun with and that can fit all his snowboards," Robertson said.

McMorris had been driving the car around Regina for some time before the Wednesday photo-op.

Mark McMorris and his new BMW. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

"Everybody's been really happy with what I've done and has nothing but positive things to say," he said after posing for photos with a few teenaged fans.

The best part, according to him, is how he can serve as an inspiration to aspiring athletes.

"It's really cool to be inspiring people to reach their goals," McMorris added, noting that he wants to send a message that "you can do things in small places."

The snowboarder is gearing up for the U.S. Open tournament in March, his last competition for the season.

He also plans to film more episodes of his reality television show McMorris & McMorris with his snowboarding brother Craig, but that will come after some time at a British Columbia backcountry lodge reachable only by helicopter.

"I want to just get away," McMorris said, "and reconnect with why I started snowboarding."

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Crime

## Texan charged over loaded firearms found at border

A man from Texas has been charged after a border guard discovered loaded handguns at a Saskatchewan-U.S. crossing at Oungre.

The Canada Border Services Agency says a guard searched a vehicle and found a loaded 9-mm handgun, a loaded .380-calibre handgun and two high-capacity magazines.

John Chris Blanchard of Henderson, Texas, faces three charges under the Customs Act.

Blanchard, 55, is to appear in court in Regina on Friday. CJME/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime

## Luring suspect accused of trying to obstruct justice

A Saskatchewan man arrested for child luring is also accused of attempting to persuade the alleged victim to drop charges against him.

RCMP say Nathan Penner, 38, from Saltcoats, was arrested last August and charged with sexual interference and invitation to sexual touch involving a 14-year-old.

He was released on several conditions, including an order to abstain from communication with the teen.

The suspect was arrested last Friday after allegedly creating a false social-media profile to contact the teen to try to convince the person to drop the charges laid last summer.

Penner is facing charges of obstructing justice and intimidation of a justice system participant. He will appear in court on Thursday.

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Mac the boxer

## Dog who attacked Saskatoon mailman spared death; owner fined $500

A dog that attacked a Saskatoon mail carrier over the summer will not be put down.

A justice of the peace ruled Tuesday that Mac the boxer can live as long as its owner confines it while in his backyard and leashed and muzzled when off his property — and pays a $500 fine.

Mac and his brother Dover broke through a wooden gate and attacked a mail carrier last May before biting at several emergency responders and a passerby who attempted to stop the animals.

Dover was shot and killed by police and Mac was captured by animal control.

The postal worker required stitches on his face, head, hand and wrist.

Samuel Northey pleaded guilty to owning a dog that attacks without being provoked.

The Crown argued Tuesday that Mac should be destroyed, but justice of the peace Arvid Luhning said as long as the owner follows the confinement order, there is no need for euthanasia.

Luhning ruled Mac must also be neutered and given a microchip, and Northey must obtain liability insurance.

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Breather before exams

## University of Sask. students to get fall reading week

The University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon has decided to give most of its students a fall reading week.

The November break will give students a breather before exams or a chance to catch up on assignments.

University registrar Russ Isinger says reading weeks during the fall semester are becoming more common at other universities.

Students in dentistry, medicine, veterinary medicine and nursing won't get the break.

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# Regina's landmark Hotel Saskatchewan has new owner

**Changing hands.** Winnipeg-based Temple Hotels purchases historic inn from Radisson chain for $32.8 million

MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

One of Regina's most iconic buildings has a new owner.

Winnipeg-based Temple Hotels has purchased downtown's stately, 10-storey Hotel Saskatchewan from Radisson Hotels for $32.8 million.

"The property is iconic in Regina and from our perspective, a very good opportunity," Gino Romagnoli, executive vice-president with Temple, told Metro from Winnipeg.

"We like the property, we like the prospects it offers us going forward and we like the Regina market."

Opened in 1927, the grand edifice at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Scarth Street was initially part of a nationwide chain of hotels built by the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

The hotel enjoyed prominence as one of the largest in the province and dominated the city's skyline for decades after.

Despite the significance of the landmark property, the Regina Hotel Association would not comment on the transaction.

Temple plans to spend an additional $6 million to renovate the hotel's rooms and lobby areas.

The renovations, Romagnoli notes, will not be an attempt to modernize the heritage property. Rather, he said, they're necessary for a restoration.

"It's a 1920s-era CP hotel — there's only a certain amount of modernization you can do," he said of the building, which was designated a municipal heritage property in 1993.

"Are we going to be turning it into something that looks like a Holiday Inn? That's probably not realistic."

Romagnoli pointed to the "significant" multi-million-dollar investment in renovating the recently reopened DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre — formerly Regina Inn — as a testament to the market.

"I think it speaks a lot," he added.

Temple also owns Wingate by Wyndham Hotel Regina and Temple Gardens Mineral Spa Resort in Moose Jaw.

The historic Hotel Saskatchewan on Wednesday, after the sale was announced. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

# First Nations U. secures new on-reserve location

The First Nations University of Canada is moving its downtown Saskatoon location to just south of the city in July as part of a continued effort to maintain financial stability.

Since the provincial and federal governments suspended funding in 2010 after a series of budgetary scandals, acting president Juliano Tupone says the institution has taken measures to ensure it operates with a surplus.

Flagship

**The university also has plans to relocate their Prince Albert campus onto a reserve and the flagship in Regina will remain the same.**

"That's one of the reasons we need to make adjustments like we are with the Saskatoon campus and a smaller on-reserve location," said Tupone. "We need to allocate the appropriate amount of financial resources."

He added the new space on the English River First Nation, secured this week, is 2,000 square feet compared to the 15,000 square feet at their current site.

This amounts to $700,000 in annual savings, said Tupone.

Another reason for the shift, he explained, is employees will pay less income tax working on the reserve.

"It's substantial savings for each individual," he said.

Roughly 80 students are enrolled at the Saskatoon campus and Tupone said "academic staff will work closely with students to ensure their transition is as smooth as possible."

David Boehm, assistant deputy minister with the Ministry of Advanced Education, said the Government of Saskatchewan provided $4.18 million in funding for the FNU this fiscal year.

He said the province has some concerns about transportation and accessibility to the new campus.

"We ask those questions and we make sure to get satisfactory responses," he said. "But ultimately the location decision for First Nations University is up to their board."

JACOB MORGAN/METRO

## 1 year. Drug trafficking minimum sentence a Charter violation: Judge

A British Columbia Provincial Court judge has ruled that a one-year mandatory minimum sentence for drug trafficking recently introduced by the federal government is a violation of the Charter of Rights and declared it "of no force and effect."

B.C. Provincial Court Judge Joseph Galati instead sentenced Joseph Ryan Lloyd on Wednesday to 191 days behind bars, saying the 25-year-old from Alberta was a low-level dealer selling drugs to support his own addiction.

"Provincial Court judges in the City of Vancouver deal constantly with drug addicts who resort to crime to feed their addictions," Galati wrote in a decision last month on an application in the case.

Lloyd was convicted in September of three counts of possessing crack, methamphetamine and heroin for the purpose of trafficking. He has 21 prior convictions, including fraud or forgery offences, thefts, assault, possession of a prohibited weapon and — most significantly — a 2012 trafficking charge. Lloyd also committed five more offences while on bail for the latest trafficking charge. As a result, he has been in custody since May 2013.

Under the Conservatives' new tough-on-crime measures, anyone convicted of trafficking who has been convicted for a similar offence in the preceding 10 years faces a minimum sentence of one year in jail.

Lloyd's lawyer, David Fai, argued the mandatory minimum violates his charter rights. "In this neighbourhood (the Downtown Eastside) where we are — and I don't know what the percentages are — but there's a lot of people here who have prior convictions in the last 10 years that are addicts, that are sharing with their friends or selling small amounts to support their addiction," Fai said Wednesday.

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## Cruise ship. Worker accused of rape, trying to throw victim off balcony

A cruise ship worker from Indonesia is accused of raping a passenger aboard a Holland America Line vessel and then trying to throw her overboard, authorities said Tuesday.

The FBI reports that 28-year-old Ketut Pujayasa was arrested Sunday when the MS Nieuw Amsterdam returned to Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. The incident occurred early Friday morning in international waters off the coast of Roatan, Honduras.

According to a criminal complaint, the victim — a 31-year-old U.S. woman — told investigators she was attacked and raped in her stateroom. The attacker tried to throw her from the balcony, but she escaped and received help from another passenger.

Pujayasa initially left the room but then turned himself in. The report says the Indonesian man told investigators he attacked the victim because she had disrespected him earlier.

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Craigslist

### Police unsure of woman's claim of killing spree

Police have yet to substantiate a 19-year-old woman's claim that she killed more than 20 people in four states before the Pennsylvania murder she is now charged with committing.

Northumberland County District Attorney Tony Rosini said in a statement Tuesday "there has been no verification of any of the information that has been the subject of media coverage" in the case of Miranda Barbour, who with husband Elytte Barbour is awaiting trial in the death of a man they're accused of luring through a Craigslist ad for companionship.

Miranda Barbour, in a Friday prison interview with The Daily Item in Sunbury, claimed to have killed at least 22 people in Alaska, Texas, North Carolina and California in the past six years as part of her involvement in a satanic cult.

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Suspended Senator Patrick Brazeau has found work at the Barefax strip club, shown near Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.

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# Brazeau lands gig at strip joint

**New job.** Brazeau has been without a steady Senate paycheque since his suspension in November

Patrick Brazeau has gone from sitting in the Senate to helping run a strip club.

The suspended senator, who faces criminal charges in connection with the expense scandal that roiled the august upper chamber last year, is now working as a manager at an Ottawa strip joint.

Brazeau has been spotted inside the Barefax Gentlemen's Club in recent days, but he declined Wednesday to speak to reporters camped outside the establishment who trailed him inside to the door of his office.

Carmelina Bentivoglio, the daughter of the club's owner, said Brazeau interviewed for a job as a day manager two weeks ago. He'll be responsible for "scheduling, hiring, firing, inventory — just like any other job," she said.

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**Odd jobs**

**Patrick Brazeau also tried his hand as a columnist for the Halifax version of Frank magazine, but was canned after one-and-a-half columns, prompting an apology from the editor for subjecting readers to Brazeau's "narcissistic ramblings."**

- Brazeau will oversee between 25 and 30 employees in his new job, which he started Monday.

Patrick Brazeau THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Heart surgery in 140 characters or less

It has allowed us to share in the exploration of space. And now Twitter is taking us into the mysteries of the human heart.

The 140-character social platform, used to extraordinary effect by Canadian astronaut Commander Chris Hadfield last year, will host a cardiac bypass surgery on Thursday.

The social media team of Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre will live tweet a CABG. The acronym, pronounced "cabbage," stands for coronary artery bypass graft.

Beginning at 8 a.m. EST, @Sunnybrook will be tweeting updates and images of the surgery bearing the hashtag #SBheart. People interested can pose questions which will be answered in real time.

Hospital spokeswoman Marie Sanderson says the idea behind the event is to educate the public about heart disease. The event will be archived at sunnybrook.ca/sbheart.

The hospital believes it will be the first Canadian facility to live-tweet heart surgery. But it's definitely not the first to bring the twittersphere into the operating room.

In 2012, Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas, live tweeted brain surgery to an audience estimated to be 14.5 million people. And last fall a British hospital gave tweeps a front-row seat for a cataract surgery.

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# Invite the Nazis over for dinner: Bertrand Russell

**Pre-war letter unearthed.** Nobel laureate wrote the idea would 'baffle' potential invaders

The Museum of Tolerance has acquired a 1937 letter written by Bertrand Russell in which the Nobel Prize-winning philosopher says if the Nazi army invades his native England the British should invite Adolf Hitler to dinner rather than fight.

The museum, part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, announced Wednesday that it paid $4,000 for the letter at a London auction last month.

"If the Germans succeed in sending an invading army to England we should do best to treat them as visitors, give them quarters and invite the commander-in-chief to dine with the prime minister," Russell wrote to British critic Godfrey Carter. "Such behaviour would completely baffle them."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, the Wiesenthal Center's founder, says Russell's letter will be placed in the museum alongside one that Hitler wrote in 1919 outlining the anti-Semitic views that would lead to the Holocaust and killing of 6 million Jews.

Russell, one of the 20th century's leading pacifists, eventually changed his views on Hitler.

In the letter, written during the time Hitler was stripping German Jews of their rights, sending political prisoners to the brutal Dachau concentration camp and building a huge military machine, Russell said he saw no value in engaging the country in war.

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**What was he thinking?**

**"He didn't understand ... the idea that ... if we act nice to Hitler, serve him the best wine, that Hitler will come around to see things our way — is just preposterous."** Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder, Simon Wiesenthal Center

## Detained in North Korea

Karen Short holds a photo of her husband, Australian missionary John Short, in Hong Kong on Wednesday. She says her husband went to North Korea last week with a person who said Tuesday Short had been arrested at his Pyongyang hotel on Sunday. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**South Sudan**

### Refugees, UN staff trapped

Fighting between South Sudan's army and rebels in the capital of one of its oil-rich states is forcing UN personnel to remain inside a base where more than 20,000 residents are seeking refuge, officials said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**African migrants**

### Israel deports dozens to Uganda

Israel has begun sending dozens of African migrants to Uganda, an Israeli official said Wednesday, a move that has sparked concerns that they are being coerced into going to a country that may not keep them safe.

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Sochi

## IOC president praises Ukraine's athletes

IOC president Thomas Bach has expressed his condolences to victims of the violence in Ukraine and praised Ukraine's Olympic athletes for continuing to compete at the Sochi Games.

Ukraine sent a team of 43 athletes to Sochi.

Bach says "the way they have continued to represent their nation with great dignity is a credit to them and their country." He says "their presence here is a symbol that sport can build bridges."

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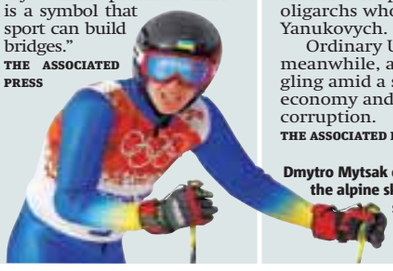

Dmytro Mytsak of Ukraine during the alpine skiing men's giant slalom in Sochi on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Europe

## EU debating sanctions against Ukraine

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told reporters that he and his counterparts from Germany and Poland would meet both sides in Ukraine ahead of the EU meeting on possible sanctions. He said he hoped the two sides "will find a way for dialogue."

Possible sanctions include travel bans and asset freezes, which could hit hard the powerful oligarchs who back Viktor Yanukovych.

Ordinary Ukrainians, meanwhile, are struggling amid a stagnating economy and soaring corruption.

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Anti-government protesters protect themselves with shields during clashes with riot police in Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, before the president and leaders of the protest called a truce. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Ukraine calls a truce

**Negotiations.** Earlier violence that killed 26 had fuelled fears the nation could be sliding toward a messy breakup

Ukraine's embattled president and leaders of the protests that have been roiling the country agreed Wednesday on a truce to halt the violence that has killed 26 people and injured more than 425 others.

A protest leader was quoted as saying the government pledged not to attack an opposition encampment in central Kyiv while further negotiations unfold.

President Viktor Yanukovych met with opposition leaders and the two sides agreed to halt the violence and to hold talks on ending bloodshed, a statement on the presidential website said. The statement did not give any further details.

Vitali Klitschko, one of the leaders of the protests that have sought to keep Ukraine open to Europe and out of a close political and economic alliance with Russia, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that Yanukovych agreed that there would be no attempt to storm the protesters' encampment on the main square of downtown Kyiv.

Flames from burning barricades of tires and refuse leapt into the air at the square for a second night, as protesters demanding Yanukovych's resignation showed no sign of yielding.

The truce announcement came hours after the president replaced the army chief and the military vowed a national anti-terrorist operation to restore order.

Officials have often referred to the protesters who have demanded Yanukovych's resignation for months as "terrorists."

Political and diplomatic manoeuvring has continued, with both Moscow and the West eager to gain influence over this former Soviet republic. Three EU foreign ministers — from Germany, France and Poland — were heading to Kyiv on Thursday to speak with both sides before an emergency EU meeting back in Brussels to consider sanctions against those responsible for the recent violence in Ukraine.

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**An issue of identity**

**The recent violence has been the worst in nearly three months of anti-government protests that have paralyzed Kyiv.**

- The two sides are locked in a battle over the identity of this nation of 46 million, whose loyalties are divided between Russia and the West.

Canada reacts

## *Feds consider diplomatic options*

Ukrainians living in the United SDuring a bilateral meeting in Mexico, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama were in agreement on several fronts in regards to the Ukrainian crisis, calling it a "welcome step" if a truce was called between the Ukrainian government and opposition leaders.

"We hold the government responsible and urge them to take all the steps necessary to resolve the situation," Harper told a news conference following the meeting.

Harper and Obama also urged the Ukrainian military to show restraint and refrain from becoming involved in issues that should be resolved by civilians, the statement said.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Canada is considering a range of diplomatic options to send a message to the Yanukovych government, including targeted sanctions.

The Harper government will consult other nations as it considers possible next steps, he said. "I will ... be consulting our allies and like-minded nations to build a co-ordinated path forward in the coming days."

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# Russia. Cossacks attack Pussy Riot members with horsewhips over protest

Cossack militia attacked the Pussy Riot punk group with horsewhips on Wednesday as the artists — who have feuded with Vladmir Putin's government for years — tried to perform under a sign advertising the Sochi Olympics.

Six group members — five women and one man — donned their signature ski masks and were pulling out a guitar and microphone as at least 10 Cossacks and other security officials moved in. One Cossack appeared to use pepper spray. Another whipped several group members while other Cossacks ripped off their masks and threw the guitar in a garbage can.

Police arrived and questioned witnesses, but no one was arrested.

Pussy Riot, a performance-art collective involving a loose membership of feminists who edit their actions into music videos, has become an international flashpoint for those who contend Putin's government has exceeded its authority, particularly restricting human and gay rights.

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A Cossack militiaman attacks Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and a photographer as she and fellow members of the punk group Pussy Riot, including Maria Alekhina, right, in the pink balaclava, stage a protest performance in Sochi, Russia, on Wednesday. MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Over 60. Each additional hour sitting linked to doubling disability risk

New research showing a strong link between too much sedentary time and disability adds to growing recognition that "sitting is the new smoking."

A study published Wednesday in the Journal of Physical Activity and Health found that for those 60 and older, every additional hour a day spent sitting is linked to a doubling of the risk of disability, regardless of the amount of moderate exercise the person gets.

Disability was defined as having limitations in ability to do basic activities such as eating, dressing, bathing, getting in and out of bed, and walking across a room.

While previous research has shown that a lack of exercise is a risk factor for disability, this is the first study to show that sedentary behaviour, in itself, is also a risk factor.

Take two 65-year-old women: one sedentary for 12 hours a day, the other for 13 hours. The second is 50 per cent more likely to be disabled, according to the study. "There are some unique things about sitting that could contribute to poor health. When you are sitting, you are using fewer muscles and your circulation slows down," said lead author Dorothy Dunlop.

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**Northwestern University**

**Their finding means that older adults need to reduce the amount of time they spend sitting, whether in front of a television or computer, regardless of how much moderate activity they do.**

- Greg Wells, a professor at U of T, is not surprised by the findings. He said the study is consistent with many others published recently about the dangers of sitting.

## Watching for polluters off British Columbia

Marine Aerial Reconnaissance Team senior technologist Owen Rusticus monitors marine traffic on the Salish Sea near Victoria, B.C., during a National Aerial Surveillance Program flight that departed Vancouver International Airport in Richmond and flew over the waters surrounding southern Vancouver Island on Wednesday. The federal government is doubling the money spent on aerial surveillance to monitor pollution such as oil spills from ships in Canadian waters. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Immigration info**

## Systematic exchange of data eyed with allies

Canada is looking at a greatly expanded sharing of immigration information — such as fingerprints of visa applicants — with not only the United States but other key allies.

A memo prepared for Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander says the government is building an information technology system that could be used for systematic exchange of biometric data with Britain, Australia and New Zealand. The feds are already pursuing wide-scale sharing of immigration information with the U.S. under the perimeter security pact. Canada's privacy commissioner has expressed concerns about high-volume, routine info sharing, saying it may be impossible to control what happens to the data when sent.

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# Escaping the death grip

**Snake on the loose.**
An Alberta man is lucky to be alive after his Burmese python coiled around him

MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

The Burmese python is one of the world's five largest snakes. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Say that one day your beloved pet, whom you had watched sprout since his infancy, managed to break free of his warm, well-ventilated enclosure and began to wriggle his frame around you.

If you had any time to think, you might reflect that although you've been a benevolent caretaker all this time, you're now gasping for air as the ungrateful pet squeezes you ever tighter. Heartbreaking stuff, right?

The pet in question isn't a Labradoodle, and this isn't a story from somewhere in Southeast Asia.

Rather, it's a true tale that involves one of the largest snakes on the planet — the feared Burmese python — and a basement in Alberta.

"(The owner) had this rather large dangerous snake he kept in his basement," explained Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, who did not specify the location of the home. "He went down there to check on it and because it was loose it started to coil around him."

Luckily, the man was able to escape — albeit with a newfound and well-deserved fear of the tropical snake. He quickly called conservation officers to help him handle the creature.

The Burmese python is one of the world's five biggest snakes, a collection that also includes the African rock python. The latter is the same species of snake that killed two boys in New Brunswick last summer after escaping from its cage.

Unlike that situation, in which it appears the owner didn't have a permit, the owner in Alberta was able to legally possess the snake thanks to a grandfathering clause in provincial regulations.

"It was during a time in which we were changing regulations and becoming more strict," Dunford explained. "(The owner) got a shelter permit because he possessed it legally before we made our regulations more restrictive, so we grandfathered the possession of certain pets for a time."

**Quoted**

**"After a day they went in there and because the temperature was much cooler, the snake was so lethargic that it was not aggressive at all."**

**Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer,** describing how officials corralled a loose Burmese python.

Once officers arrived, they developed a game plan to safely apprehend the snake.

As the Burmese python thrives in blisteringly hot conditions, Dunford said, officers decided to turn off the heat in the house in hopes that cooler conditions would slow the snake down.

It worked. "After a day, they went in there and because the temperature was much cooler, the snake was so lethargic that it was not aggressive at all," he explained. "They were able actually to help the owner simply get it back into its secure container."

## But this is Canada — could I really meet a pet crocodile on the loose?*

The deaths of two young boys in New Brunswick last summer at the hands of an escaped African rock python alerted the country to the potential dangers of unusual pets.

But is there really such a threat in famously frigid Canada of encountering somebody's dangerous exotic animal?

It appears to depend on where you live, but generally, it seems that Canada poses a far bigger threat to odd pets than they do to us.

"Fortunately (in Alberta) we haven't had too many issues with exotics getting into the wild," Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, told Metro, noting the province does have a detailed action plan to handle these sorts of situations.

He said dangerous animals imported from sunnier locales, such as tropical snakes, would probably only survive during the summer months and wouldn't "last long when the temperature gets colder."

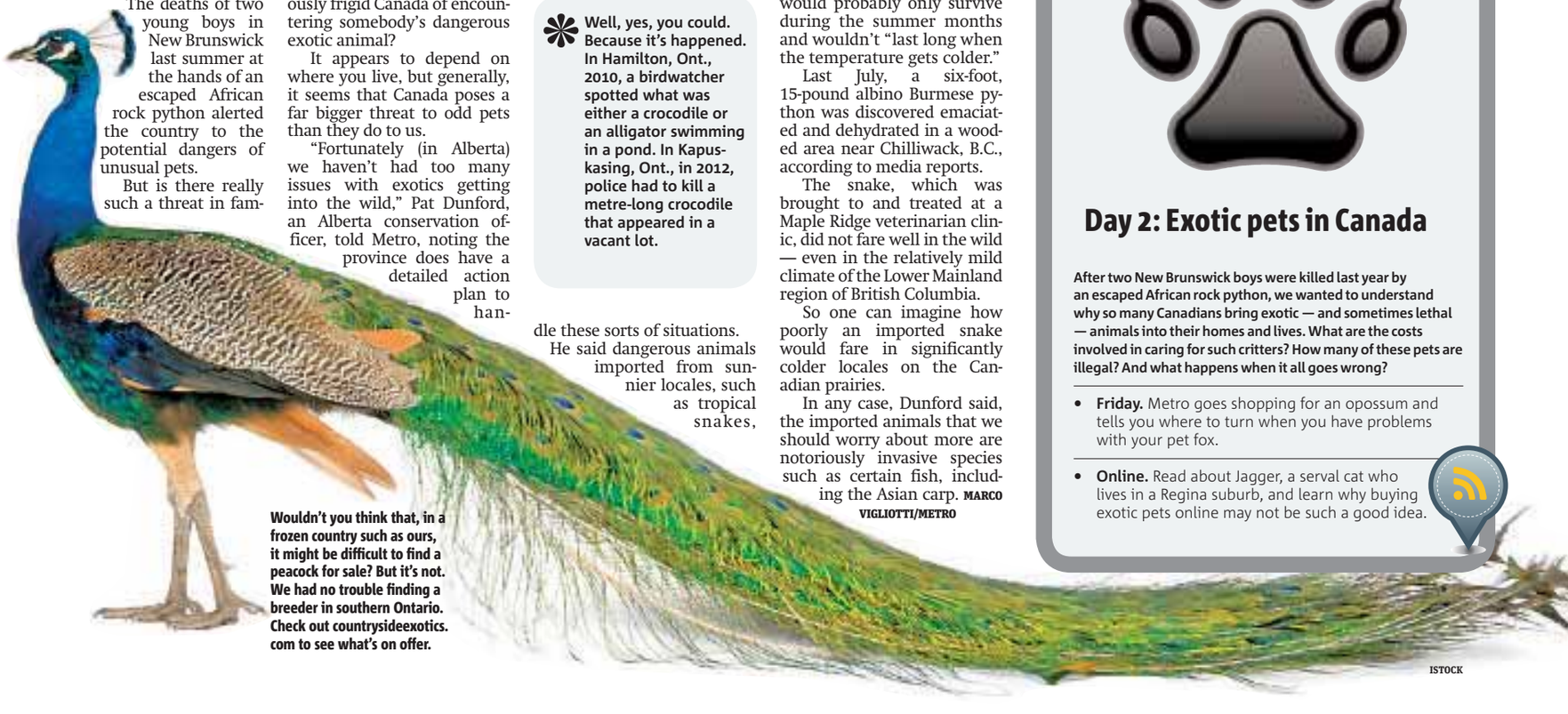
Last July, a six-foot, 15-pound albino Burmese python was discovered emaciated and dehydrated in a wooded area near Chilliwack, B.C., according to media reports.

The snake, which was brought to and treated at a Maple Ridge veterinarian clinic, did not fare well in the wild — even in the relatively mild climate of the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia.

So one can imagine how poorly an imported snake would fare in significantly colder locales on the Canadian prairies.

In any case, Dunford said, the imported animals that we should worry about more are notoriously invasive species such as certain fish, including the Asian carp. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

* **Well, yes, you could. Because it's happened. In Hamilton, Ont., 2010, a birdwatcher spotted what was either a crocodile or an alligator swimming in a pond. In Kapuskasing, Ont., in 2012, police had to kill a metre-long crocodile that appeared in a vacant lot.**


**Wouldn't you think that, in a frozen country such as ours, it might be difficult to find a peacock for sale? But it's not. We had no trouble finding a breeder in southern Ontario. Check out countrysideexotics.com to see what's on offer.**

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### Day 2: Exotic pets in Canada

**After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?**

- **Friday.** Metro goes shopping for an opossum and tells you where to turn when you have problems with your pet fox.
- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb, and learn why buying exotic pets online may not be such a good idea.

## The hot-button hedgehog

**Sure, they're cute, but in some parts of the U.S., they also seem to be controversial —partly, it appears, because of a debate over whether they spread foot-and-mouth disease. According to online forum hedgehogcentral.com, the animals are illegal in California, Hawaii, Georgia and the five boroughs of New York City. Maine has also had restrictions, and the site describes the situation in Pennsylvania as "all out war on hedgehogs within the state."**

**Hedgehog advocates insist the animals are not a problem. Z.G. Standing Bear, treasurer of the International Hedgehog Association, told Torstar News Service last year that six U.S. states and several cities ban hedgehogs for "all kinds of reasons" based on "no facts at all." "They're benign. There is nothing dangerous about them. That's what irritates us so much; they get this bad reputation," he said.**

**Hedgehogs may be in for a tough time north of the border, too. Last year, a Toronto city councillor asked municipal staff to study adding animals including hedgehogs to the city's list of prohibited species. Flamingoes, penguins, walruses, vultures and seals are also in his sights. METRO**

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An African pygmy hedgehog

# What happens when it all goes wrong

In the past couple of decades, there've been a number of high-profile cases in Canada of exotic pets killing their owners:

• In 2007, 32-year-old Tanya Dumstrey-Soos was mauled by a tiger owned by her fiancé at a farm in 100 Mile House, B.C., while several children, including one of her own, watched. It's thought that the tiger didn't intentionally attack her, but rather was trying to play with her skirt as she stood outside its enclosure talking to it. The tiger, Gangus, was the only one of three tigers on the farm who wasn't declawed, and Dumstrey-Soos died of her injuries. Animals on the farm also included a lion and a lemur, and a variety of officials and animal welfare advocates said they'd had ongoing concerns about the farm.

• In 1992, 28-year-old Mark Neville of Brampton, Ont., was strangled to death by his five-metre-long pet Burmese python. At the time, the death prompted calls for consistent legislation on exotic pets, but unlike many provinces, Ontario still doesn't have provincial standards on the issue.

The investigating coroner said Neville had visited a friend's house where there was a shedding cat, and it's believed that later, when he put his hand in the python's enclosure, it smelled food and attacked.

• In early 2010, 66-year-old Norman Buwalda was killed at his home in Southwold, Ont., as he entered the cage of a 650-pound Siberian tiger. No one witnessed the attack, and police said they don't know why it happened. Buwalda was the chairman of the Canadian Exotic Animal Owner's Association, and had five wild cats, including a lion and a cougar. Six years previously, a 350-pound tiger seriously injured a boy visiting the property. METRO

**You know that an octopus can make a tasty deep-fried appetizer, but did you know people keep them as pets? Read Metro tomorrow to find out which Hollywood star once had a cephalopod about the house.**

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# 'If you're not prepared to devote your life to your pet monkey, please don't get one'

**Lessons from Darwin.**
The former owner of the Ikea monkey says having a primate in the house takes time, energy and resources

ROSS ROMANIUK
Metro in Regina

After her pet monkey's romp around a Toronto-area Ikea, Yasmin Nakhuda has been struggling to get it back. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

She and what had been her pet monkey have made headlines in Canada for more than a year, since the primate managed to get out of her car outside a Toronto Ikea store and scamper around the property in late 2012.

Yasmin Nakhuda, a Toronto lawyer, is trying to get Darwin back through an appeal of an Ontario court ruling that has since kept the monkey at a primate sanctuary.

Metro asked Nakhuda about her case, and about having primates as pets.

**Are you optimistic about your chance of reclaiming legal ownership of Darwin through your court appeal?**
We are still trying to get him back but since the matter is still being reviewed for appeal purposes, I cannot make any further comments regarding chances of winning.

**Do you feel that monkeys such as Darwin make good pets for people in Canada?**
Monkeys are not pets for everyone. But if the owner is very dedicated, loving, educated about primate needs and ready and willing to learn, then a monkey can be more than a pet — it can become part of one's family. Monkeys are intelligent and it is untrue that all monkeys are aggressive. Some monkeys work as licensed waiters in Japan, while others are trained and work as helpers for the disabled.

Visit metronews.ca to watch a video of monkeys working as waiters in Japan.

**Do you have any advice for other people who might be considering trying to acquire monkeys or other animals that are deemed exotic or foreign to Canada?**
If you are not prepared to devote your life to your pet monkey, then please don't get one. However, if you do and you are able to earn the love and respect of your pet monkey, a pet monkey can be one of the greatest companions you can have in your life.

As for other exotic pets, I own an African Grey parrot and a Scarlet Macaw and they are equally great pets given their intelligence, but again, they need a lot of attention and care and one has to be able to afford expensive toys, food and supplements on an ongoing basis.

### Have an adventure with Darwin

**Darwin's Ikea shopping trip may be over in real life, but it continues online in the form of a video game which you can find at ikeamonkeyshirt.com. Barnabas Wornoff, an animation professor at Toronto's Seneca College, took about a week to create the game with a group of former students. Players can control the shearling coat-wearing monkey as it wanders through the parking lot in search of Allen keys, pegs and other parts needed to build a Billy wall shelf, all the while dodging rogue shopping carts and Ikea customers. Wornoff said the monkey dances when the game is completed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Bromance brewing? Obama on first-name basis with PM, professes love for Canadians

The United States, Canada and Mexico will always have "parochial interests," U.S. President Barack Obama said Wednesday following a bilateral meeting with Stephen Harper in which the Keystone XL pipeline was a key topic of discussion.

But so much trade between the three countries is part of an integrated supply chain that allows them to sell their products and services around the world, Obama added at the so-called Three Amigos Summit in this Mexican city.

"We have every incentive to make this work," Obama said, urging the business audience at the summit to help push for progress.

The president had affectionate words for Canadians and for Harper, calling him "Stephen" at one point during his remarks after the two leaders strolled through the Cosmo Vital Jardin Botanico, an enormous Toluca greenhouse renowned for its spectacular stained glass windows.

"My brother-in-law is Canadian, so you know I have to love Canadians," Obama said to laughter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Nebraska**

**The Keystone XL pipeline has been dealt yet another setback — this time in a Nebraska courtroom.**

- A district court has torn up a state law that could have been used to force landowners to allow the pipeline on their property.

## Cuts sow seeds of discontent among Greek farmers

A farmer shouts slogans during a protest outside the Greek parliament against government tax policies in Athens on Wednesday. About 4,000 people, including civil servant unions, took part in the peaceful demonstration outside the House of Parliament. Greece's conservative-led government has committed to continue spending cuts and economic reforms in exchange for billions of euros in international rescue loans. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Rogers biggest buyer**

## Wireless spectrum auction raises $5.27B for feds

The federal government raked in $5.27 billion in the latest wireless spectrum auction, the most Ottawa has ever received in such a sale. Industry Canada announced Wednesday that the biggest buyer of the 20-year licenses was Rogers, which paid $3.29 billion for 22 licenses across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Our true patriot love for Facebook

## O (boy) Canada.

With glowing faces ... from our smartphones we stand on guard for the social network

Canada was one of the first countries to go completely crazy for Facebook and now the social network is saying we're leading the charge with mobile usage, too.

There are 19 million Canadians who access Facebook at least once a month and 14 million who log in every single day, says Jordan Banks, the head of Facebook Canada.

Those numbers haven't really changed since the summer, when Banks last gave an update on user counts, but mobile is growing.

The number of users who log in with a phone or tablet at least once a month is now at 15 million, up about 15 per cent from 13 million. And the number of mobile users accessing Facebook daily is up about six per cent to 10 million, from 9.4 million in August.

"Essentially we're getting 50 per cent of Canadian (Internet users) on Facebook every day and the exciting part for us as marketers is that when you look at the composition of how those people are accessing Facebook, it's more increasingly on a mobile device than ever before," says Banks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**New national pastime?**

**"We're seeing people check their phones 20 times a day for Facebook — status updates and news feed posts and checking in — so it's really become like a Canadian reflex, if you will, to access your phone, whether you're at a bus stop or a hockey game or sitting at home watching TV."**

Jordan Banks, head of Facebook Canada

**Record-breaking buy**

**Facebook is buying mobile messaging service WhatsApp for $19B US in cash and stock, by far the company's largest acquisition and bigger than any that Google, Microsoft or Apple have ever done.**

- The price stunned Gartner analyst Brian Blau. "I am not surprised they went after WhatsApp, but the amount is staggering."


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# OLYMPICS BRING OUT THE WORST

HE SAYS

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Olympic officials love to wax eloquent about how sports can help us celebrate humanity as one, as can be illustrated in this history of the Games:

**1896:** The modern Olympic Games are created to promote world peace.

**1897:** World peace declared.

This timeline, though exhaustive, is not wholly accurate. In fact, the Olympics solve society's problems with only the same proficiency that pop songs alleviate world hunger.

While I won't claim to know the hearts of the amazing athletes, I can talk about the average sports fans' humanity during these Olympics in Sochi. Their emotions are not always the Olympian ideal.

**Rage:** Sports always attracts angry fans: hockey fans who would gladly dismember a 14-year-old linesman; baseball fans apoplectic about strike calls they can't possibly see; MMA fans who fill in most of evolution's missing links. But the Olympics teach us that the most terrifying creature of all is the figure skating fan who is convinced their favourite skaters were stiffed.

It's satisfying in a way. People who mock me for yelling at the TV during a Bruins game positively have a Salchow every four years because someone on Team Canada got "robbed." It's an Olympic tradition. This wouldn't happen if Olympic figure skating had fighting like the North American version, but that's a debate for later.

**Fear:** What do you suppose is the hardest job in the world? Doctor? Air traffic controller? Olympian? No, the Olympics prove time and again that the hardest job is creating a mascot that is not a horrifying abomination.

It's a life rule. There are no funny clowns, no sexy feet and no mascots that will not haunt your dreams. The Athens mascots appeared to be phalluses wearing coloured condoms, perhaps to laud the birth of civilization. The London mascots were one-eyed demon creatures, probably to promote the city's Olympian level of CCTV cameras.

At first the Sochi bear seemed like a fool-proof idea. Who doesn't like teddy bears? However, the version at the opening ceremonies looked like a drunken uncle who should delete his Internet browsing history more often. Meanwhile, the version that stalks Olympic venues almost looks like an everyday bear mascot — except that he has cold, dead shark eyes. He will have children leaving their night lights on until at least the 2016 Summer Games. And who knows what monstrosity we might be faced with then?

**Schadenfreude:** If my workplace and favourite bar are any indication, two things always get big cheers from crowds at the Olympics:

1) A Canadian hockey player scores a goal.

2) An athlete from another country falls over.

The sport might be one fans had not heard of 10 minutes ago — Ladies' Super-G Bobsled Cross — but if there's a chance at gold, we want our opponents crushed. And, if necessary, their pelvises.

In short, the Olympics aren't the best of humanity, on either side of the TV screen. They're just … humanity, which includes braggarts, fools and outright villains, to go along with the kind-hearted, the wise and the heroes.

And despite my cynical take, I still believe in heroes. After all, somebody has to slay the damn bear.

ZOOM

# All that glitters isn't gold

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## Finnish reindeer dabbed with paint

A reindeer is seen with fluorescent antlers after a test in which Finnish herders dabbed it with fluorescent paint. Rudolph the reindeer is having a glittering antler makeover — the latest attempt to halt some of the thousands of road deaths of the roaming caribou in the wilds of Finland.

Anne Ollila, of the Finnish Reindeer Herders' Association, says the antlers of 20 reindeer have been painted with various fluorescent dyes to see how the animals react and whether the paints are resistant to the harsh Arctic climate.

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**Roaming free**

**200,000**

If successful, animals with glittering antlers will be free to roam Lapland — a vast, deserted area in northern Finland where herders tend to some 200,000 reindeer.

**Reflective tape**

- The Finnish Reindeer Association says reflectors and reflective tape have proven unsuccessful as reindeer have torn them off — and road signs warning drivers of roaming reindeer often are stolen by tourists as souvenirs.

**Clickbait**

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**Looks like oversharing social media users are learning from their mishaps as a wave of apps touting online anonymity are quietly creeping into cyberspace. Users wanting to publicly praise or put down that pretty girl, berate their boss or wax poetic have carved out online spaces to do so without having to worry about said pretty girl, boss, etc.**

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**Whisper:**
Posts run the gamut from guilty pleasures to deep thoughts (#ThereIsNoProof) in this Tumblr-like confessional space.

**Shrtwv:**
Location-based sharing means you share your anonymous thoughts, photos, etc., with other Shrtwv users in the same vicinity (no, this is not meant to be the latest Grindr)

**Secret:**
Like other social media sites, you're still sharing your "secrets" with your pals, but you get to do so incognito.

**Twitter**

**@metropicks asked: The idea of Trudeau rolling papers was originally the Cons' plan to disrupt the Liberals. Do they help or hinder Trudeau's image?**

**@Russell_Barth:** the irony of these papers (AND the #cpc's mad assertions) is that Justin isn't *actually* going to legalize #pot

**@chlobotxo:** i think it's hilarious. It helps by showing the Cons are traditional bullies

**@ac_awesome:** So instead of saying he flip-flops, opponents are accusing him of Zigzags.

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# A different kind of Olympic hero

**The Fugitives.** Band is inspired by Dmitry Isakov, one of the first anti-gay-law protestors to be arrested in Sochi

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The Fugitives play at the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon March 10, opening for Buffy St. Marie. CONTRIBUTED

For the past two weeks, Canadians from coast to coast have been enthralled by the achievements of Alexandre Bilodeau, Charles Hamelin and the Dufour-Lapointe sisters. But members of the Vancouver-based band The Fugitives have drawn inspiration from a different, lesser-known hero in Russia.

Their song New Year's In Sochi doesn't focus on Olympic greatness, but rather the story of Dmitry Isakov, who was one of the first to be arrested in the wake of Russia enacting its anti-gay laws.

"He protested in a city square demanding equal rights. He was arrested, released the next day and went back and protested again and we were just really inspired by the story," said Brendan McLeod, who with Adrian Glynn leads the band, in a telephone interview.

The song was released as part of the Light Organ Xmas EP, and although the subject material might not seem to fit with the album's yuletide theme, McLeod says there is a connection because it's also about feeling grateful for the rights we enjoy in Canada.

"You rarely get a window into your own privilege. We walk around without having to worry at all about our basic human rights being violated on a daily basis; we get to choose who we love. So it hits home when you see others who can't."

And while McLeod stresses the band also sings about things like family, travelling and love, its members believe it's important to have songs with a social conscience. He knows the criticism musicians can face for taking a political stand and admits singing a song is a small gesture but says it's still one that counts.

"I think its one step above bemoaning these things on Facebook, but hopefully it does a little bit of something in terms of communicating that feeling to others. I don't think it's going to change the world necessarily, they're just songs, but it's one little thing that's better than not writing it."

McLeod will get to experience a homecoming next month when he plays at the Broadway Theatre. He was born in Saskatoon, lived here until he was eight and still has a cabin at Emma Lake. He says the show will be special for another reason as The Fugitives will be opening for another artist with a robust social conscience, Buffy Ste-Marie.

"She's still so contemporary this deep into her career, still pushing the boundaries and does all this humanitarian work. She's really someone to look up to and to be able to go on the road and learn every night from her; it's going to be great."

After this tour the band heads to Europe in support of their album Everything Will Happen, where they will continue to display their eclectic performance style, which includes folk music, spoken word performances, poetry and other mediums. McLeod acknowledges being difficult to categorize isn't always easy.

"It's not the best road to success musically, I think it would easier to be a more straight ahead band, but what are you going to do? That's not us; I guess we're stuck with who we are."

**Quoted**

**"You rarely get a window into your own privilege. We walk around without having to worry at all about our basic human rights being violated on a daily basis."**

Brendan McLeod of the Fugitives

Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Wedding fireworks for Katy and John?

Katy Perry is sending the gossip world into a tizzy by sporting the same diamond ring on a very suspicious finger for the past few days. The first time, we all chalked it up to her being fashionable — but then the singer had the audacity to wear the art-deco-influenced ring yet again at the Elle Style Awards on Tuesday in London. "What does it mmmmeeee-aaaannnnn?" your brain is undoubtedly asking, since we are all conditioned to be concerned with this for some reason. We wish we knew — so far both the Perry and John Mayer camps are being mum on the situation. One thing is for sure: The only way she could troll us any harder is if she started wearing a fake baby bump.

## Ellen and Portia don't need a ring to prove their love

Ellen DeGeneres is eager to put to rest rumours circulating in some tabloids that her marriage to Portia De Rossi is on the rocks. "The tabloids had a photo of Portia not wearing her wedding ring. She goes, 'I didn't wear it because when I ride horses and I'm holding the reins, it gives me a blister,'" DeGeneres explains to People magazine. "The truth is — and this is corny — I fall more in love with Portia all the time. I really do. She surprises me all the time. It's what anyone experiences when you find that person that gets you."

Ellen DeGeneres

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Hey LaBeouf, why don't you #STARTCREATING your own stuff?*

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York

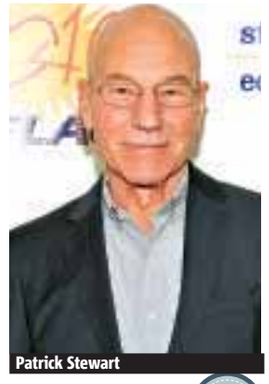
Shia LaBeouf has been all over the tabloids and the blogs and the Twitter lately. But for those who don't follow celebrity gossip on any medium, Shia has them covered too — they just have to look up into the sky.

LaBeouf has taken to skywriting for the third time, hiring planes to write "#STARTCREATING" in the sky above Los Angeles, according to E! Online. His previous messages were "I am sorry Daniel Clowes" and "#STOPCREATING," both in January.

It's great to have Shia's permission to start making stuff. I hope he follows his own advice, since he's never created anything in particular. LaBoeuf's meltdown/art project/ generous subsidy to L.A.'s skywriting industry began in December, when his short film, HowardCantour.com, was revealed to be a ripoff of a Daniel Clowes comic, Justin M. Damiano. Since then, he's tweeted a slew of plagiarized quotes and apologies, hired the aforementioned skywriters, and last week held an "art installation" in which he sat in a room with a paper bag over his head reading "I am not famous anymore" while weeping — which some would say was a ripoff of Marina Abromović's The Artist is Present.

In case you can't tell, I am heartily sick of this kid — he ripped an artist off, got caught, and he's been trying to reposition his screw-up as art ever since. I would rather see Justin Bieber get an Oscar than hear another word from LaBeouf on the subject.

## Patrick Stewart has a gay old time with Guardian gaffe



Patrick Stewart

At least Patrick Stewart has a decent sense of humour. The former Star Trek: the Next Generation star was misidentified as gay by the Guardian in an article about X-Men co-star Ellen Page's recent coming out. "The third paragraph originally said, 'Some gay people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart, think Page's coming out speech is newsworthy.' This should have read, 'Some people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart,'" a statement from the newspaper read. Stewart, who married longtime girlfriend Sunny Ozell in September, took it in stride, posting to Twitter, "It makes for a nice change. At least I didn't wake up to the Internet telling me I was dead again."

## Cooper concerned about coif

While Bradley Cooper's hairdo in American Hustle has been getting plenty of attention, it's his real-life coif that has the Oscar-nominated actor preoccupied. Sources tell Radar Online that Cooper "is so anxious about his receding hairline that he's turned to [hair loss medication] Propecia. He has a lot of bald guys in his family, so he's been on Propecia for a couple of years, and to his delight it seems to be working."

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**@ChloeGMoretz**
strangest thing just happened to my phone it wouldn't take a charge so i did a full restart and bingo.. charging.. weird.

**@NiallOfficial**
First time we have all been together for a while now! lookin forward t seeing the lads ! #BRITs2014

**@josswhedon**
Stairs are so serious


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# The runway midway

The fashion industry's finest have flocked to New York and London these past two weeks as part of Fall/Winter 2014 Fashion Month. Before they pick up their passports and jet away on the Paris and Milan legs of the journey, here's a taste of what Metro's gurus of glam have witnessed from fashion's front lines thus far.

METRO WORLD NEWS

## Tommy Hilfiger (NYC)

The first look? Surprise, surprise, it's plaid. An olive parka, check dress and hiking boots opens the lineup of rugged, outdoorsy looks. The vaguely vintage-flavoured duffle coats, shearling jackets, chunky sweaters, Fair Isle knits and fleece dresses have a sporty athleticism to them that imply Tommy's girls do more than sip hot chocolate inside a lodge.

**Major trends:** Blanket references in the form of dresses, skirts and coats.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe:** Durable, classic winter wear that really does marry fashion and function.

## Marc by Marc Jacobs (NYC)

The autumn/winter '14 girl is all flamboyant sportiness, dressed for a club night in a mix of ninja and BMX gear. Plus all of the sneaker comebacks we've seen in the past year were rendered forgettable thanks to a single shoe in Crayola shades of red and blue that is part raver, part spaceman.

The major trends: Plays on volume — blanket-style wraps, layering and wide leg trousers.

What this will mean for your wardrobe: Judging by my social media feeds, the shoes were the most memorable takeaway from the show. The more "out there" the sneaker the better.

## Bora Aksu (London)

After a handful of monochrome skirted looks, colour appears in the form of Barbie pink. Think Lolita-meets-Victorian-meets-plastic-fantastic. And get ready to embrace that horrible '90s sequin stretch fabric: it's back, sliced into jackets, waistlines and fishtail pencil skirts. Ponchos and capes are popular up top — only, "floatier" than we've seen them before. Here they're more like mosquito nets. Pretty ones, mind you.

**The playlist:** Lively flamenco with a Carla Bruni interlude.

**The key trends:** Pink, ponchos, A-line skirts

## Issa (London)

The strength, and what unites this collection, with its varying motifs of stamped flowers, bulbous knits and lattice prints, is the size of it all. Everything is big, from the wafting, blanket-like coats that much of the audience is already wearing to the Balenciaga-esque rounded sleeves on outerwear and tops. My standout piece — the wackiest of all the wearable Issa fare — is a zigzag printed monochrome jacket with perfectly curved shoulders.

**The major trends:** Ponchos and oversized, rounded coats.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe in six months' time:** Silhouette is going to factor into your buying purchases more than usual.

## Vivienne Westwood (London)

This show was about vintage Vivienne Westwood Red Label. Even the colour palette is true to the brand name, with a tongue-in-cheek heart-shaped suit. The looks were positively pared-down: a nostalgic retrospective of eras gone by with headscarves, roomy overcoats, and those ubiquitous Westwood cocktail dresses — all very commercially viable with enough of a dash of the Dame's kook.

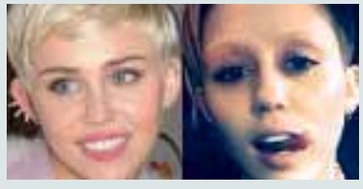
**The scene:** Vivienne Westwood's faithful friends.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe in six months' time:** Granny chic with headscarves and oversized practical coats.

**Trends Report**

**Bleached blonde eyebrows may seem odd, but the look was all over the runway at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week this month and even on raunchy popstar Miley Cyrus. Go online to Trends Report to see which top designer opted for this runway look, which also had one reality TV star modeling a nipple-baring top.**

- **Online.** Follow Irene on Twitter at @MetroIreneK or Instagram: kuanirene; metronews.ca/voices/trends-report



# Canadian street style

**Spotted in: Toronto**

**Name: Kerry**

**Age: 27**

**Occupation: Co-founder, Rockford Peach**

**What she's wearing:** Old pilots shearling coat I bought a couple years ago in Kensington (inspired by my Dad), old polo sweater that was cropped, All Saints pants, Stuart Weitzman boots, vintage belt and bag.

**Her inspiration:** I dress with instinct, which could very well start with the music that I wake up to. The truth is I like anything that has lived a little bit; clothes that tell a story or move me somehow, and a little oversize never hurt anyone.

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# Hear your tunes in style

With so many music lovers downloading albums to their phones and mp3 players, there's no longer the need for large, bulky stereo systems to be displayed in the home. Want to give your latest download some big-time sound? Here's a selection of speakers that will suit any home-decor style.

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Be the life of the party in any room while getting quality acoustics and great design. This little picnic basket of sound can go from room to room and has won dozens of design awards. Bang & Olufsen's Beolit12, $880, bangolufsen.com.

Add glam to any book case with crystal-encrusted bird speakers (also the perfect accompaniment for a perfume bottle collection in the bathroom). ChicBuds Crystal Fauvette Bird Speaker, $46 each, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

Breakdancing not required, but bring the '80s back with iHome's rubber and metal Boombox Wireless Speaker, $220, urbanoutfitters.com.

An old-time music centre that replicates a vintage airplane control panel. Records, tapes, CDs and mp3 capabilities; great for any dad. Innovative Technology Aviator Turntable Wooden Music Centre, $200, thesource.ca.

Croon to your favourite tunes in reclaimed style that would look just as chic in a library as it would in a loft space. Gramophone iPad docking station with dry oak base, $300, restorationhardware.com.

# Rustic barn doors add some natural warmth

**DIY.** Reclaimed wood is an easy way to give the home a handsome hint of pastoral charm

Every home could use a little country charm, and nothing says country living like a rustic sliding barn door.

An inspiring alternative to French doors, this DIY project is a great way to inject natural wood tones into your home or create a popping statement piece with a vivid paint job.

Barn doors can be adapted for almost any style or budget and will have a lasting impression on visitors for both its design and simplicity.

### Find a door that will measure up

For the most authentic look, check out weekend markets or second-hand stores for a reclaimed barn door. It should be slightly larger than the doorway, allowing for a few inches of overlap on either side and at the top.

If you're unable to find a proper fit, it's easy to build a custom door after a quick trip to the hardware store.

For really large openings, build two doors that will slide together to meet in the middle.

### Mount the track above the doorway

Once a door has been chosen, it's time to purchase the hardware necessary to make it glide effortlessly. The right hardware will ensure the door stays safely secured upright and tucked closely to the wall.

The best way to achieve this is with a mounted track above the doorway. This option puts a lot of weight on the wall so it's best to screw the mount in to studs.

### Install the track brackets

The track brackets are installed to the top of the door and will allow it to hang from the track with rollers. Install one bracket to the top corners of the door following the manufacturer's instructions.

A regular sized door will likely only require two rollers but check with a professional if you're unsure.

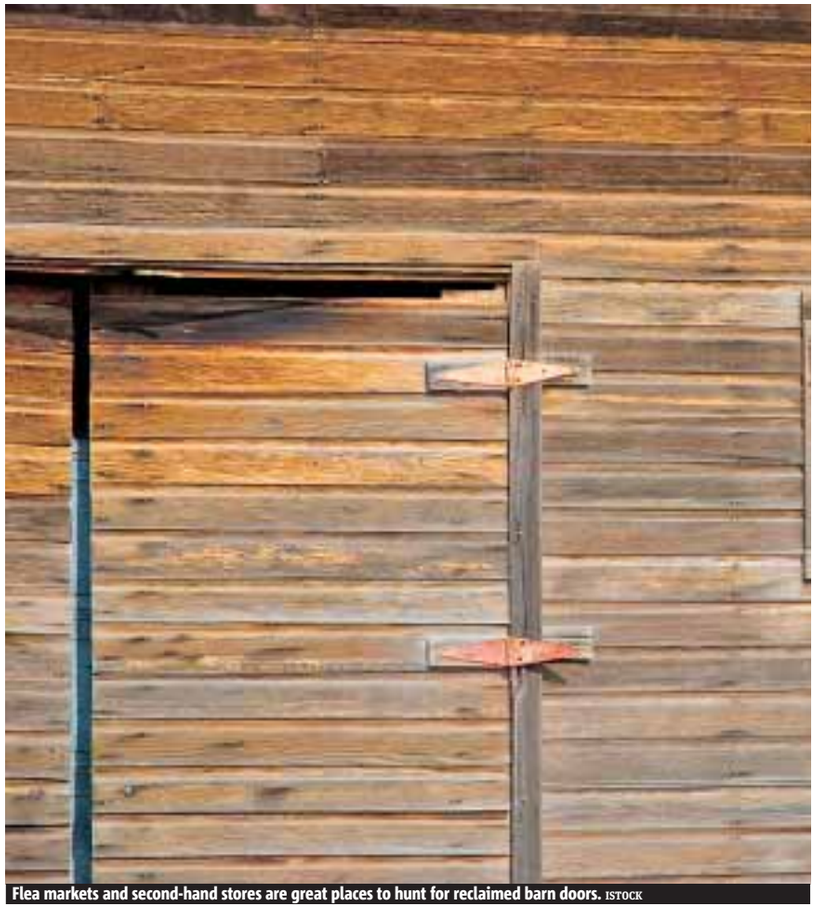
### Attach the rollers and hang the door

Once the brackets are installed, connect the rollers and fasten tightly. With the help of a friend or family member, stand the door upright and slowly lower the rollers on to the track. The track should remain stable and not flex under the weight of the door.

Give your new barn door a few tries and then do your best line dance routine in celebration.

**Rescue Renovation**

- For more renovation ideas, tune in to Rescue Renovation on Thursdays at 10 p.m. ET/PT on DIY Network Canada.



Flea markets and second-hand stores are great places to hunt for reclaimed barn doors. ISTOCK

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# Stefano serves a cutlet above the rest

**Cookbook of the Week**

## Effortless meals

Stefano Faita goes from the wildly popular TV show In the Kitchen with Stefano Faita to an easy-to-follow book of the same name. The collection includes Faita's favourite recipes (think Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Mango Cabbage Slaw, Cajun Home Fries and more) from the series as well as extra trips. The book covers everything from breakfast and dinner to snacks, salads, desserts and more. **METRO**

## FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

"Veal cutlets were in regular dinner rotation at home when I was young," writes Stefano Faita in his book In the Kitchen with Stefano Faita. "I was always so amazed at how quickly my mom made them and got them on the table — they cook up in no time.

"Serve your cutlets with a light side dish, such as sautéed cherry tomatoes (the recipe is right here!), or put a cutlet on a bun with some marinated artichokes. Yum!"

**1.** To make the Breaded Veal Cutlets: Prepare a breading station by arranging 3 shallow dishes or pie plates with the following: flour in the first; eggs beaten with milk in the second; and bread crumbs, Parmesan and herbs stirred together in the third.

**Ingredients**

**Breaded Veal Cutlets**
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) all-purpose flour
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh or dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp (10 ml) chopped fresh herbs, such as sage or rosemary
- 4 large veal cutlets, pounded 1/4 inch (5 mm) thick
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil

**Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes**
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) vine-ripened cherry tomatoes
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) each chopped fresh Italian parsley, marjoram, thyme

**2.** Season veal with salt and pepper. Dredge cutlets first in flour, then in egg mixture and lastly in bread crumb mixture.

**This recipe serves four.** PHOTOS LEILA ASHTARI

**3.** In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter with oil. When oil is hot, add cutlets and brown on each side, 3 to 5 minutes per side.

**4.** While cutlets are cooking, make the Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes: In a large sauté pan, melt butter over medium-high heat. When butter is golden brown, add tomatoes. Sprinkle them with sugar and season with salt and pepper. Increase heat to high and sauté tomatoes, stirring gently, until they start to soften and skins begin to wrinkle, about 5 minutes. Add the parsley, marjoram and thyme, mix well and remove from heat.

**5.** Serve cutlets with Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes. **RECIOES FROM IN THE KITCHEN WITH STEFANO FAITA BY STEFANO FAITA. COPYRIGHT CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION/ STEFANO FAITA INC., 2013. REPRINTED BY PERMISSION OF PENGUIN CANADA BOOKS INC.**

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## Sooshi (iPad/ iPhone; $1.99)

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This step-by-step guide to making sushi is absolutely gorgeous.

It includes explanations for all the different utensils, fish, and ingredients, plus a restaurant finder to see how it's done right.

## Appetizer. Prosciutto, Pear and Arugula Rolls

**This recipe makes 16 to 18 servings.**

**1.** Stir together cream cheese and Gorgonzola until well combined. Spoon a dollop of cheese mixture on each slice of prosciutto. Top with a few arugula leaves, a slice of pear and chopped walnuts, if desired. Roll up. Secure with toothpicks, if desired. Just before serving, drizzle with balsamic glaze.

**Ingredients**
- 4 oz (115 g) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 5 oz (140 g) Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
- 16 to 18 thin slices prosciutto
- 2 handfuls of arugula
- 1 ripe pear, such as Bartlett, cut into 16 to 18 slices
- Handful of chopped walnuts, toasted (optional)
- Balsamic glaze or aged balsamic vinegar, for drizzling

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# Humph Day in Sochi

**Women's bobsled.**
Canadian duo successfully defends its title won in Vancouver

Canada's Kaillie Humphries, left, and Heather Moyse celebrate winning the gold medal in women's bobsled at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, on Wednesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kaillie Humphries arrived at the start house for her final bobsled run at the Sochi Games not knowing how much time she needed to make up to catch the leaders.

Her brakeman, Heather Moyse, knew but wasn't saying. She wanted her pilot to worry about her own run and not the clock.

"I just looked at her and I said, 'It's possible,'" Moyse said. "That's all Kaillie needed to know, that the gap wasn't closed but it was possible."

Humphries visualized the 17-turn track in her mind and set out to nail another consistent run. She delivered just that Wednesday night and it was enough to give them a second straight women's Olympic bobsled title, the first duo to achieve that goal.

"When I don't know times, I mean, ignorance is bliss," Humphries said.

The Canada 1 sled had a gap of 11-100ths of a second to close entering the final run. Moyse delivered with a strong push at the start, then Humphries took over from there.

Both were elated at the finish and satisfied knowing they did everything they could.

"For both of us to know we pushed the hardest we could have possibly pushed, I drove the track the very best that I knew how, when we got out of the sled on that fourth run both her and I — without even having to really say anything — knew that we had done everything in our power," Humphries said.

With at least a silver locked up, they had a nervous two-minute wait in the finish area as Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams completed their final run.

"I never wish bad on people but I was thinking, 'Just make a few mistakes, please,'" Humphries said.

The pressure seemed to get to the Americans, who had a few wobbles down the Sanki Sliding Center track and came up one-10th of a second short.

It would be gold once again for the Canadians, who were underdogs when they won at the Vancouver Games four years ago but favourites this time around.

Humphries, from Calgary, and Moyse, from Summerside, P.E.I., finished with a four-run time of three minutes 50.61 seconds. Meyers and Williams were second in 3:50.71.

The United States also won bronze, with Jamie Greubel and Aja Evans finishing a full second off the lead in 3:51.61. Edmonton's Jenny Ciochetti and Chelsea Valois of Zenon Park, Sask., were 13th in the Canada 2 sled in 3:54.49. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**"Winning gold is amazing, but walking away satisfied is better. After the third run I knew that if we did the business we could be on top."**

**Kaillie Humphries** on overcoming a time deficit to win the women's bobsled.

# Curling gold medal within Jacobs' reach

Canada skip Brad Jacobs throws a rock during a semifinal curling match against China on Wednesday in Sochi, Russia. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden and Ryan Harnden allowed themselves a few minutes — and just a few — to revel in securing an Olympic medal in men's curling for Canada.

The Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., team knew after its 10-6 semifinal win Wednesday over China the glow was finite. Canadians are as demanding of their curlers as they are of their hockey players at the Winter Olympics.

There is a gold medal for the taking Friday. Canada must elbow aside two-time world champion David Murdoch of Britain to get it and will start the game with hammer.

"To get another medal for all of Team Canada is a great feeling, but at the same time, we want to come out and we want to get that gold," Jacobs said.

Rejuvenated from a two-day break, the Canadians unveiled their various weapons — finesse shots and hits — for their best game of the tournament against China.

"There's a little bit of brilliance left in us for that final game," second Harnden said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Double-gold hope**

**Canada is chasing double curling gold in Sochi. Jennifer Jones' Winnipeg rink meets Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson in Thursday's championship game.**

- Canadian downed Britain's Eve Muirhead 6-4 in their semifinal earlier Wednesday.

# Hey Yzerman, 'you're lucky'

**Goalier than thou.**
Lightning prospect stands on his head in front of future GM as Latvians almost slay Goliath in Sochi

As Kristers Gudlevskis turned aside shot after shot, Sidney Crosby and his teammates wondered what it would take to beat the Latvian goaltender.

"Besides picking the puck up and throwing it in the net, what could you tell someone to do in those situations?" Crosby said.

Team Canada didn't quite have to resort to that, surviving a historic upset bid by Latvia with a 2-1 win in the quarter-finals of the Olympics on the strength of a late power-play goal by Shea Weber.

Despite Gudlevskis making 55 saves on 57 shots, coach Mike Babcock didn't sense any uneasiness on his bench. It's his hope that being in a tight, frustrating game will help Canada as it advances to face the rival Americans in the semifinals Friday.

"We just thought if we kept doing it, we'd get our chances, we'd get a break, we'd score a goal," Babcock said. "Did I want to win 7-1? Absolutely. Do I think it's better for my team that we won the way we did? For sure."

The next one looks tougher on paper than any of Canada's first four games in Sochi. At first glance, a matchup against 11th-seeded Latvia didn't seem like it would be much of a test for the gold-medal favourites.

Canada, Babcock insisted, did not take Latvia lightly. Watching coach Ted Nolan's group eliminate Switzerland should have been enough of a wake-up call.

Still, it was hard to expect this. After Patrick Sharp gave Canada a lead at the 13:37 mark of the first period, it looked like Gudlevskis wouldn't get beat again and the frustration crept in.

"It can get to you, I think, a little bit," winger Patrick Marleau said. "But you just got to keep persisting and think that next one's going to go in."

It didn't help that most of the game elapsed with a tie score after Lauris Darzins got a breakaway and beat Carey Price two minutes after Sharp's goal. And it didn't help that Canada played almost two full periods without John Tavares, who was hit by Arturs Kulda and is out for the rest of the tournament with a knee injury.

A controversial no-goal call in the third period that could have led to a Canadian penalty shot only added to the drama.

All the while, Canada had Gudlevskis and the Latvians under siege but couldn't break through. It's one thing to squeeze the sticks a little too tight, but another one altogether to have a goalie looking like a brick wall.

"Coming into this tournament we talked about facing adversity," defenceman Duncan Keith said. "There was a little bit there throughout this game. We didn't want to get frustrated with the score being tied."

Told he scared the entire country of Canada on Wednesday night, Gudlevskis said: "I hope so." Asked what he'd say to Team Canada executive director and Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman, the 21-year-old responded: "You're lucky."

In Nolan's eyes, Canada was lucky to take the lead at 13:06 of the third after a slashing penalty was called on Georgijs Pujacs. But Babcock saw it more as the following-through on a game plan.

"We just thought we were going to win," he said. "We just talked about being patient and staying the course, not getting in a hurry, not forcing anything. If we did that we thought we'd be fine, and in the end we were."

That was one lesson Canada gleaned from this scare and almost joining the 2002 Swedish team that lost to Belarus in Salt Lake City in an infamous chapter of the Olympic history books: Winning matters more at this stage than how it happens.

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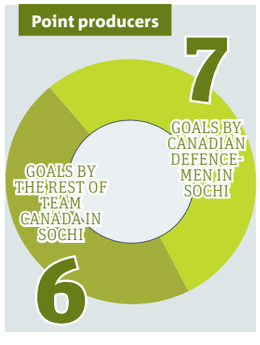


**Americans up next**

**"They're obviously the favourite coming into the tournament, and we've opened up a lot of eyes with our play, but we have more in the tank to give and to show."**

**Max Pacioretty on the looming rematch of the 2010 gold-medal game with Canada.** Pacioretty's Americans notched a 5-2 win over the Czech Republic on Wednesday. Canada and the U.S. meet in the semifinal on Friday.

**Cross-border semi No. 2**

**"I think the Russian team will win."**

**Sweden coach Par Marts** making a prediction after his team's 5-0 win over Slovenia, but before the Russia-Finland quarter-final. Finland coach Erkka Westerlund said "no comment" when asked for his reaction to what Marts said, and Finn forward Olli Jokinen added: "I don't really care." The Scandinavian rivals meet in the semifinals Friday.

**Game of his life**

**"We were disappointed, because we tried to make a miracle today and we just couldn't do it."**

**Latvia's Kristers Gudlevskis,** who stopped 55 shots and gave hockey fans across Canada cause for major concern on Wednesday afternoon.

**Questionable call**

## C'mon ref!

It looked like Canada took the lead 8:27 into the third, but a controversial call kept it 1-1. Jonathan Toews and Patrick Marleau got the puck to the goal-line and almost over, but Latvia defenceman Kristaps Sotnieks gloved it to keep it out.

The ruling was that the puck did not fully cross the line, and Canada did not get a penalty shot because that cannot be awarded on review.

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**'You never know'**

## Russian hopes Finn-ished

After Russia's men's hockey loss in the quarter-finals to Finland, most of Russia's players rushed through a mixed zone with TV cameras and reporters without stopping, waving off requests to verbalize their disappointment in losing their medal chances in the Sochi Games.

The players who did stop were brief. And Finland, not surprisingly, had a little more to say, with many sentiments summed up by forward Teemu Selanne:

"The experts are wrong many times — and I love it."

Still, as happy as the Finns were, they did show some sympathy for a Russian team that was carrying such high expectations.

Selanne: "I'm a little bit sad also for them. Obviously, they had a big dream to win the gold medal here and then it doesn't work so it's kind of disappointing in many ways because that would be a great story. But again, it's proving to the hockey world that you never know."

Russia's Alex Ovechkin only had this to say: "No emotion right now."

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Russian hockey fans at the end of Russia's loss to Finland on Wednesday in Sochi. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Seasoned Team Canada prepared for speedy foe U.S.

**Women's hockey.**
## Canuck squad will rely on leadership of vets when they take on rivals

To win a fourth straight Olympic gold medal, the Canadian women's hockey team must leverage its big-game experience up front to overcome the superior speed of the United States.

Canada's dozen forwards have a combined 18 previous appearances at the Winter Olympics among them compared to seven among the American forwards.

On defence, previous Winter Games experience is equal between the two countries. Both sides possess seasoned goaltenders.

Thursday's final at the Bolshoy Ice Dome is about executing in a vice of pressure for both countries.

The U.S. wants to reclaim the gold it won in 1998 and this year's team is young and relentless.

If there is a crack in their armour, it was revealed in Canada's 3-2 victory in the preliminary round. Taking a 1-0 lead into the third period, the Americans lost their composure when Canada equalized early in the second and pulled ahead less than two minutes later.

So it will be up to three-time gold medallists Caroline Ouellette, Shaunavon's Hayley Wickenheiser and Jayna Hefford, as well as third-time Olympians Meghan Agosta-Marciano and Gillian Apps to shepherd Canada through the defining moment or moments of the gold-medal game.

Caroline Ouellette is one of three Canadian players who are in pursuit of their fourth Olympic gold medal.
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"I can bring some things to the table, but don't kid yourself," coach Kevin Dineen said. "I'm going to lean a little bit on Caroline Ouellette, Jayna Hefford, Hayley Wickenheiser and Gillian Apps. Great players who have been in an Olympics or two. They've sat in this seat before."

Canada's win over the U.S. in the round-robin ended a four-game losing streak against the Americans, but it doesn't necessarily give Canada the upper hand Thursday.

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**Who to watch**

**A quick look at the players in the women's hockey final between Canada and the U.S.:**

**Canada**

- **Marie-Philip Poulin.** Scored both of Canada's goals in the 2010 final.
- **Hayley Wickenheiser.** Six-time Olympian proving in this tournament she hasn't lost a step.
- **Catherine Ward.** Canada needs her poise and puck skills on an inexperienced defence.

**United States**

- **Amanda Kessel.** Sister of Toronto Maple Leafs forward Phil Kessel and linemates Brianna Decker and Kendall Coyne lead the tournament in scoring.
- **Hilary Knight.** Forward was the best player for the U.S. in four straight pre-Sochi wins over Canada.
- **Jessie Vetter.** The U.S. has beaten Canada in four of the last five world championship finals with Vetter in net.

**WHL**

## Lazaruk honoured; Blades fall again

The Saskatoon Blades honoured long time play-by-play man Les Lazaruk before Wednesday night's game against the Regina Pats, as the legendary broadcaster prepared to announce his 1500th game for the team.

But the call for Lazaruk was the same as it has been all year long as the Pats downed the Blades 4-2 to improve to 8-0 against their provincial rivals on the season.

The two teams looked like they may have been conspiring to pay silent tribute to the booming voice of the Blades in the first, as they teamed up for one of the quietest periods in recent memory. There were no goals or penalties in the opening frame as Regina outshot Saskatoon 17-10.

Braden Christoffer of the Pats, left, and David Nemecek of the Blades collide along the boards during the first period on Wednesday night.
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That all changed early in the second as the Pats picked up the first penalty of the game 42 seconds in and then scored a shorthanded goal at the 2:20 mark as Morgan Klimchuk recorded his 21st goal of the season.

At 6:03 of the second it was Klimchuk again finding the net to make it 2-0 in favour of the Pats.

The Blades came alive in the third period as Ayrton Nikkel notched his fifth goal of the year to draw Saskatoon within one. Then at the 5:54 mark Chase Clayton scored to tie the game at 2-2.

But a late Logan McVeigh goal gave the Pats a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Klimchuk would add an empty netter to complete his hat trick and make the final 4-2.

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## MEDALS

| Nation | G | S | B | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States of America | 7 | 5 | 11 | 23 |
| Russian Federation | 6 | 9 | 7 | 22 |
| Netherlands | 6 | 7 | 9 | 22 |
| Norway | 9 | 4 | 7 | 20 |
| **Canada** | **5** | **9** | **4** | **18** |
| Germany | 8 | 3 | 4 | 15 |

## WHAT CANADA DID

### WEDNESDAY

**ALPINE SKIING**
**Men's Giant Slalom -** Trevor Philp of Calgary was the top Canadian after the two runs, placing 25th (two minutes 49.55 seconds, +4.26 seconds). Phil Brown of Toronto was 29th (2:49.91) and Morgan Pridy of Whistler, B.C., was 33rd (2:51.96).

**BIATHLON**
**2x6km Women + 2x7.5 km Men Mixed Relay -** The Canadian team of Megan Imrie (Falcon Lake, Man.), Rosanna Crawford (Canmore, Alta.), Brendan Green (Hay River, N.W.T.) and Scott Perras (Regina), finished 12th with a time of one hour, 13 minutes and 27.7 seconds, four minutes and 10.7 seconds behind gold medallist Norway.

**BOBSLEIGH**
**Women's -** Kaillie Humphries (Calgary) and Heather Moyse (Summerside. P.E.I.), successfully defended their **gold medal** with a four-run time of three minutes 50.61 seconds, erasing a 0.23 deficit going into the final two runs to beat United States 1 by a tenth-of-a-second. Jennifer Ciochetti (Edmonton) and Chelsea Valois (Zenon Park, Sask.) placed 13th (3:54.49).

**CROSS-COUNTRY**
**Ladies' Team Sprint ClassicSemifinal -** Daria Gaiazova (Banff, Alta.) and Perianne Jones (Almonte, Ont.) were fifth out of the nine teams in their group and did not advance.
**Men's Team Sprint Classic Semifinals -** Alex Harvey (St. Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que.) and Devon Kershaw (Sudbury, Ont.) were sixth out of 11 teams in their group and did not advance.

**CURLING**
**Women's Semifinal -** Canada defeated Great Britain 6-4 and plays Sweden in the gold medal match on Thursday.
**Men's Semifinal -** Canada defeated China 10-6 and will face Great Britain for the gold medal on Friday.

**FIGURE SKATING**
**Ladies Short Program -** Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) placed 13th with 56.18 points and Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) was 19th with 52.61 going into Thursday's free program.

**ICE HOCKEY**
**Men's Quarter-final -** Canada defeated Latvia 2-1 and will play the U.S. in the semifinal game on Friday.

**SNOWBOARD**
**Ladies' Parallel Giant Slalom -** Marianne Leeson (Burlington, Ont.) placed 5th overall, Caroline Calve (Aylmer, Que.) took 6th and Ariane Lavigne (Lac-Superieur, Que.) was 8th. Each lost their quarter-final race.
**Men's Parallel Giant Slalom -** Defending gold medallist Jasey Jay Anderson, of Mont-Tremblant, Que., and Matt Morison of Burketon, Ont., made it through qualifying but were eliminated in the next round. Michael Lambert of Toronto failed to made it through qualifying. Anderson placed 14th overall, Morison 15th and Lambert 27th.

**SPEED SKATING**
**Ladies' 5000 m -** Ivanie Blondon of Ottawa placed 14th overall with a time of seven minutes 20.10 seconds, 28.56 seconds behind gold medallist Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic.

## CURLING

**At Sochi, Russia**
**All Times Eastern**
**MEN**
**Wednesday's results**
**SEMIFINALS**
**Canada 10** China 6
Britain 6 Sweden 5
**Tuesday's results**
**TIEBREAKER**
Britain 6 Norway 5
**Friday's games**
**BRONZE MEDAL**
Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.
**GOLD MEDAL**
Britain vs. **Canada**, 8:30 a.m.
**WOMEN**
**Wednesday's results**
**SEMIFINALS**
**Canada 6** Britain 4
Sweden 7 Switzerland 5
**Thursday's games**
**BRONZE MEDAL**
Britain vs. Switzerland, 3:30 a.m.
**GOLD MEDAL**
**Canada** vs. Sweden, 8:30 a.m.

## HOCKEY

**All times Eastern**
**MEN**
**Wednesday's results**
**QUARTERFINALS**
**Canada 2** Latvia 1
Sweden 5 Slovenia 0
Finland 3 Russia 1
United States 5 Czech Republic 2
**Friday's games**
**SEMIFINALS**
Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.
**Canada** at United States, 12 p.m.
**Saturday's game**
**BRONZE MEDAL GAME**
Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.
**Sunday's game**
**GOLD MEDAL GAME**
Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.

### CANADA 2, LATVIA 1

**First Period**
1. Canada, Sharp 1 (Nash) 13:37.
2. Latvia, Darzins 1 (Kulda, Sprukts) 15:41.
**Penalties** — Sharp Cda (tripping) 6:18, Keith Cda (broken stick) 16:02.
**Second Period** — No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Girgensons Lat (slashing) 5:37, St. Louis Cda (slashing) 10:21, Ozolinsh Lat (high-sticking) 19:33.
**Third Period**
3. Canada, Weber 1 (Doughty, Toews) 13:06 (pp).
**Penalties** — Pujacs Lat (slashing) 11:09.
**Shots**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Latvia | 6 | 5 | 5—16 |
| Canada | 16 | 19 | 22—57 |

**Goal** — Latvia: Gudlevskis (L); Canada: Price (W). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Latvia: 0-3; Canada: 1-3.
**Referees** — Tim Peel, Jyri Ronn. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Sakari Suominen.
**Attendance** — 9,825 at Sochi, Russia.
**WOMEN**
**Thursday's games**
**BRONZE MEDAL GAME**
Switzerland at Sweden, 7 a.m.
**GOLD MEDAL GAME**
**Canada** at United States, 12 p.m.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
There are a lot of things you need to consider, things that may be of benefit to you in the not too distant future, so don't waste your time socializing when you should be thinking.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Aim to make new friends over the next 24 hours, especially with people whose interests are in some way out of the ordinary. It's not true that Taurus is old-fashioned. In fact, you can be a bit of a rebel.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
You will come under pressure today, especially at work where someone in a position of authority will do their best to make life miserable for you. Stay cool and don't let them provoke you.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
It is time to move on, with no regrets, no backward glances and no promises that if things don't work out you can always go back. Draw a line in the sand, step across it and embrace the new you.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
It will pay you to be ruthless today, especially when dealing with people who always seem to get more out of your relationship than you. Look tough, talk tough and, when the time comes, act tough too.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
It may seem as if you're dancing to everyone's tune. Why is that bad? Sometimes it's nice to sit back and let others worry about where to go and what to do next.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Stop worrying about all the little things that may or may not be going wrong and concentrate on the one big thing you would most like to go right. Focus your mind power in a single direction.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Put your own interests first. The Sun in Pisces is giving you a boost of confidence, so make the most of it and make sure everyone knows where you are coming from and what you intend to do.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
As the Sun is moving through the domestic area of your chart it will pay you to focus more on family members than on yourself or your work.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Let people know what is on your mind today. If you keep your thoughts to yourself you will not only feel isolated but you will miss out on a chance to influence the great debate.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Limit spending to essentials today. You know how easy it is to reach into your pocket and find cash for this or that but if you do that now you may have nothing left for the weekend.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Make the most of the Sun in your sign to do something out of the ordinary, something that makes the world sit up and take notice. Don't worry that what you do may be seen as "controversial" — the more people you offend the better.

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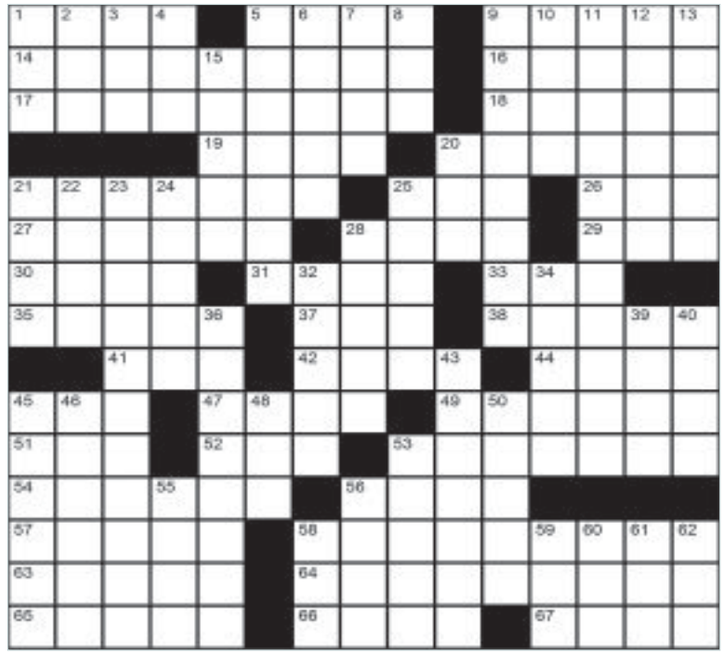
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

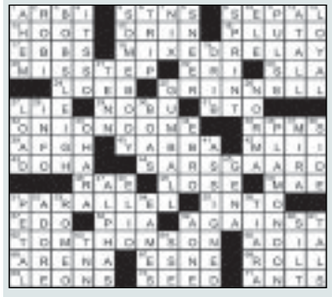
**Across**

1. SOCHI 2014 - Ice Hockey venue, Bolshoy Ice __
5. Military cap
9. Derek & The Dominos song
14. Inuit language
16. Dainty cases
17. Contemporary creation: 2 wds.
18. SOCHI 2014 - Russki __ Ski Jumping Center
19. SOCHI 2014 - 'I' of IOC [abbr.]
20. "You Needed Me" bit: "_ __ a tear..."
21. Fifty Shades of Grey novelist, _._. __
25. Ford product
26. See, in Dutch
27. Author, __ May Alcott
28. __ fide
29. Elevs.
30. 17th-century sailor, Captain __
31. Unique
33. Caesar's 1051
35. Choler
37. Fire: French
38. Canadian guitarist renowned for Mediterranean music
41. Time
42. Fruit-filled pastry
44. Singer Mr. Cruz
45. Seed holder
47. Search
49. Actor Mr. Hauer
51. Pre-afternoon hrs.
52. __ excellence
53. Go to a restaurant: 2 wds.
54. Relishes: 2 wds.
56. Examination
57. "That was _ __!" (I had fun!)
58. Body of water for Saint Petersburg, Russia: 2 wds.
63. "Do you get the birthday __ _ sent?"
64. 'We Were Born to Glory' Canadian singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
65. Shakira album: 'Donde __ los Ladrones?'
66. Formal gr.
67. Leave out

**Down**

1. Faint
2. Yoko's surname
3. Soaked soil
4. Barely get by
5. Actor Greg
6. Les __-Unis (United States, in French)
7. Knitting stitch
8. Addams Family relative
9. Painful 'pin' problem: 2 wds.
10. 'Origin' suffix
11. Doctor played by Omar Sharif: 2 wds.
12. Appreciate something: 2 wds.
13. Digressions
15. Pares
20. Sir McKellen link
21. "Hot in Cleveland" role
22. Meat cut
23. SOCHI 2014 - Figure Skating, for example: 2 wds.
24. Helpful human
25. Heart: French
28. Crack
32. Following
34. Coffee order
36. Boney M. disco hit
39. Stead
40. __ cloud, as per Astronomy
43. Soap opera star Mr. Rogers
45. Royal residence
46. "Mutual of __ Wild Kingdom"
48. The Raven writer's monogram
50. Up to
53. Quebec's flag symbol, Fleur-__-__ [var. sp.]
55. Pop
56. Artsy spot in New Mexico
58. Undergarment
59. Mountain basin
60. "...or __ _ thought."
61. Dawn goddess
62. Promos

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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| | 9 | 2 | 7 | | | | | 1 |

## Yesterday's Sudoku

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| 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 9 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| 7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| 4 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 9 |

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-15°/-26°
Variable

Friday
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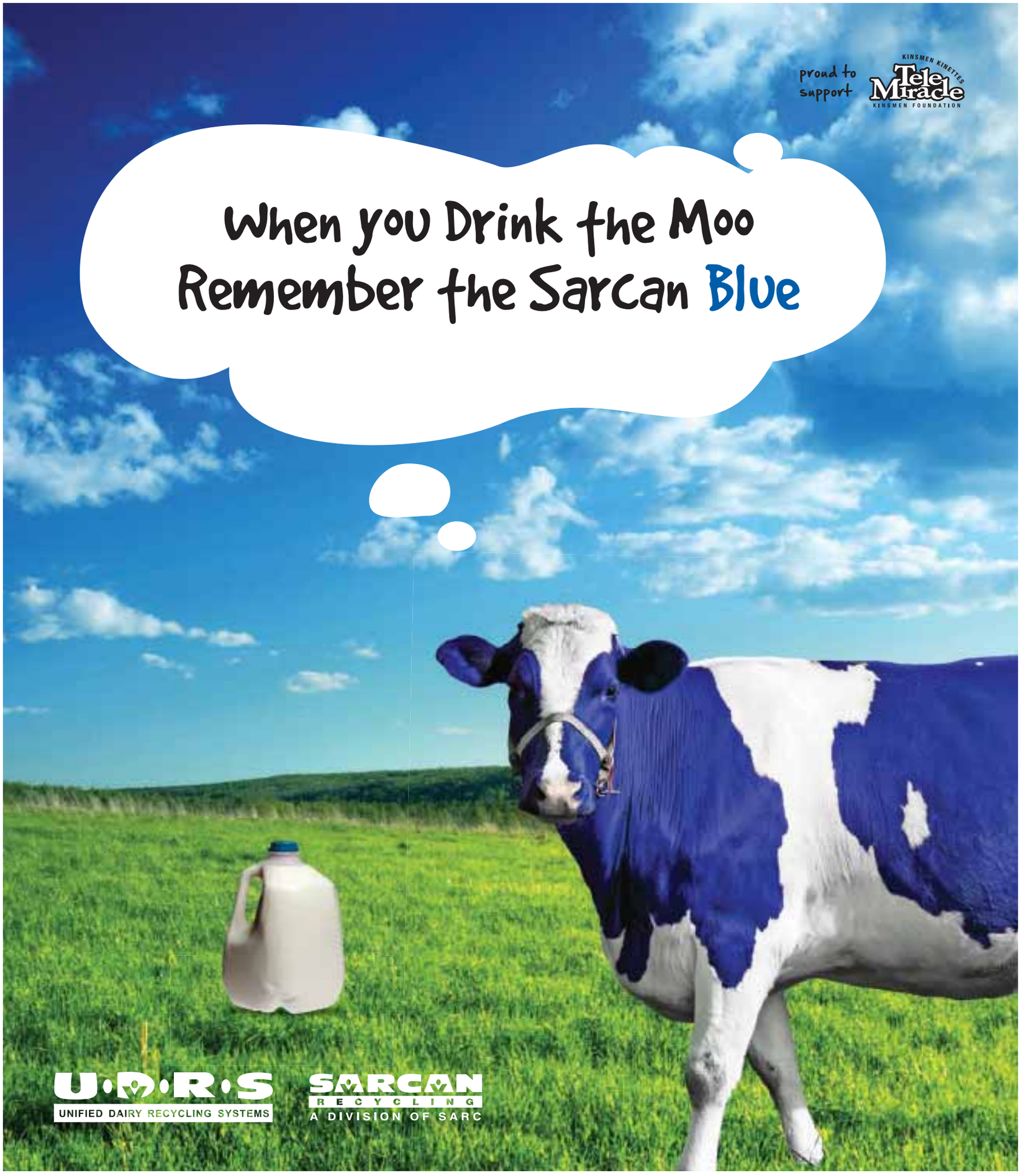
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